[Shri S. Madhavan]

mercial operation. Thus, a precarious situation has arisen in the implementation of this project.

There is already a controversy in Tamil Nadu about the prudence of acquiring the Soviet technology after the recent disaster witnessed in the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station in the Soviet Union.

There is already acute power shortage in Tamil Nadu. It has to purchase power from the adjacent States under barter agreement. The power requirements for industrial development and for agriculture are increasing. Hence, there is urgent need to implement this nuclear project immediately to cater to the needs of Tamil Nadu State.

I demand that the Government of India should take immediate steps to implement the Koodanqulam Nuclear Power Project without any further delay and to commission the first reactor in the year 1998 as programmed earlier.

Notice given to the window of the bodyguard killed along with late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to vacate Government accommodation

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I am grateful to you for allowing me to speak through my special mention about the plight of Mrs. Namita Gupta, widow of the martyr, Pradip Kumar Gutpa, Sub-Inspector who was on security duty with late Shri Rajiv Gandhi. Rajiv Gandhi's martyrdom has distressed the nation and the whole world mourned. When Shri Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on 21st May 1991 at Sriperambadur, Shri Pradip Kumar Gupta was on duty in his security but he lost his life at the cruel hands of the assassins. He had expressed his determination not to leave Shri Rajiv Gandhi during his lifetime which promise he fulfilled at the cost of his life. He had said 'Remember, till I am alive, Rajivji will never be killed; and if I am no more, I am not responsible'.

Mrs. Namita Gupta, the widow of Shri Pradip Kumar Gupta narrated that even after repeated requests for help, nothing substantial could be done. On the initiative of Shrimati Sonia Gandhi, she was provided Rs. 1 lakh from the Prime Minister's Relife fund. Now, a notice has been served on her to vacate the house of her deceased husband, Pradip Kumar Gupta. This matter is pending in Police Headquarters and the Ministry of Urban Development is also involved.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, if martyr's family members, including his wife and children, are put to distress, what will be the morale of Indian forces in the country? After the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, my colleague, Mr. S. S. Ahluwalia, Mr. Ratnakar Pandey and myself also visited the place when the hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narasimha Rao was also there accompanying Captain Satish Sharma. At that time, our demand to convert that place where Rajivji was assassinated, into a national monument was agreed to, and I am grateful to the hon. Prime Minister as well as Jayalalithaji who bequeathed the land for the purpose. Now, Pradip Kumar Gupta who was dedicated to his duty without caring for his life, was also killed and this act on his part should be commended. But if his wife is asked to vacate the house of her deceased husband before the completion of even one year, that is really very painful.

Therefore, I would urge upon you to direct the Government to convey her problems to the Prime Minister for a solution, and provide her a dwelling unit. I also demand that suitable job should be provided to Mrs. Namita Gupta, according to her qualifications.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मंत्री महोदया यहां पर बैठी हुई हैं और राजीव गांधी तथा इंदिरा गांधी जी से उनका जितना व्यापक संबंध है उतना बहुत कम लोगों का है। उनका रक्त का संबंध है। मैं

आपके माध्यम से उनसे प्रार्थना करूंगा कि प्रधान मंत्री के पास यह चीज जाए। राजीव गांधी, उनके नाती के लिए गुप्ता जी ने जान दी। उनकी जानकारी में होता तो शायद वे कोई उपाय करतीं और उनका मकान खाली न कराया जाता। मैं उनसे प्रार्थना करूंगा कि वे यह घोषणा करें कि उनकी विडो श्रीमती नमिता गुप्ता को वही सुविधाएं दी जाएंगी जो किसी शहीद परिवार को दी जाती हैं। उन्होंने राजीव गांधी के लिए अपने प्राणों का बलिदान दिया। मैं विश्वास करता हूं कि मंत्री महोदया रिएक्ट करेंगी।

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती शीला कौल): महोदय, मुझे इस बात की तसल्ली है कि मैं इस वक्त यहां बैठी हूं और मेरे सामने यह जिक्र हुआ। मेरे सामने पहली दफा जिक्र हुआ है। मेरे पास कोई इस किस्म की जानकारी नहीं आई थी। बड़े अफसोस की बात है कि ऐसा किया गया। गुप्ता जी को मैं हीरो समझती हूं जिन्होंने अपनी जान दी, देश के लिए अपने लीडर के ऊपर जान दी। मैं देखूंगी कि किस तरीके से बराबर उनको वहां रहने की जाजत मिलनी चाहिए। यह मैं आपको आश्वासन देती हूं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I think the hon. Member is satisfied.

Increase in the militant activities in the Terai Region

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to raise a very important issue. There has been an alarming rise in killings by the Punjab militants in the neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. It creates a great concern and scare among the people.

Yesterday, the militants massacred 14 people in the Terai area of Uttar Pradesh, 8 near Pilibhit and 6 in Mohammadi in Lakhimpur Kheri District. Likewise, 22 people were killed and 8 were injured at Tohana, about 70 km. from Hissar in Haryana when the militants opened fire indiscriminately in the main market of the town. The Superintendent of Police expects the toll to rise further as several of those injured are in a critical condition.

The killing in Pilibhit was carried out near a country liquor shop in Dhankaura village in Neuria police station area, seven km. from Pilibhit. More than a dozen were injured. Doordarshan announced this morning about the massacre of 6 persons in Mohammadi area of Lakhimpar Kheri District. The militants killed the people in Pilibhit as they dared defy their fiat not to drink liquor. This incident shows the state of utter lawlessness that prevails in Terai. It is the militants who succeed in getting their orders carried out by creting terror among the people. It seems even the police is afraid of them. It is most unfortunate and dangerous that the militants escaping from Punjab are getting safe refuge in large farms in the Terai area of Uttar Pradesh and are functioning from there. Recently, their activities have increased tremendously and they are carrying out systematic killings in the Districts in the Terai area. It seems the law and order machinery has broken down in the Terai region and the Uttar Pradesh Government has completely failed to carry out its primary and basic responsibilities to maintain rule of law.

To avoid further killings and avert deterioration in the situation, the Centre must intervene immediately and take immediate action. The State Government should be asked to control the situation. Otherwise, the Centre must think of other options open to it. If need be, the Centre should also consider declaring the Terai area as a disturbed area and station such forces which could